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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 1999, Applicant provides the following comments.

Reconsideration and reexamination are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-27 remain pending.

Double patenting rejection

Claims 1–27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness–type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–25 of U.S. Patent 5,795,105. This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested in view of the following comments.

Although Applicant believes that claims 1–27 are patentable over the claims of US Patent 5,795,105, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith, obviating the obviousness–type double patenting rejection. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

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